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Old Age Homes
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of old age homes functioning in the country at present alo+-ng with the number of senior citizens lodged therein, State-wise;

(b) the norms for running and maintenance of old age homes in the country;

(c) the mechanism adopted by the Government to assess/monitor the working condition of such homes along with the details of irregularities noticed, if any, and the remedial steps taken thereon, State-wise;

(d) whether the Government has received proposals from various States for running and maintenance of old age homes, respite care homes, multi-service centres, mobile medical units etc. during the last three years and the current year; and

(e) if so, the details and present status of such proposals, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI VIJAY SAMPLA)
(a): The number of old age homes assisted under the Scheme of Integrated Programme for Older Persons(IPOP) and beneficiaries covered under the Scheme, are as per Annexure-I.
(b): The norms followed for running and maintenance of Old Age Homes under the Scheme of IPOP are as per Annexure-II.
(c): The proposals of NGOs for release of grant-in-aid under the scheme are considered on the basis of recommendations of the State/UT Governments' satisfactory reports of inspection carried out annually and completeness of the proposal in all respects as per the norms and guidelines of the scheme. Subsequent grants are released to the implementing agencies only on receipt of audited statement of accounts and utilisation certificates of the grants received in the previous year. Further, to bring about transparency in the system, while sanctioning the grants to NGOs, the Ministry has started processing of proposals online from 2014-15. Apart from this, the performance of the NGOs are also monitored from time to time through surprise inspections conducted by officers deputed by this Ministry and by the representatives of Regional Resource Training Centres (RRTCs). On the basis of the inspection reports, necessary corrective action is taken. In respect of deficiencies reported, show cause notices are issued to the NGOs concerned and follow up action is taken on the basis of the replies received. In serious cases of misuse of funds or malfunctioning or non-functioning etc. of the projects, the concerned NGOs are blacklisted after following the extant procedure.
(d) & (e): Yes Madam, release of funds under the scheme is an ongoing process. Proposals recommended by the respective State/UT Governments' Grants-in-aid Committee are processed for releasing grants as per the norms and guidelines of the relevant Schemes, subject to the completeness of proposals in all respects and availability of funds etc. The statement showing the proposals received under the scheme of IPOP during the last three years and current year is as per Annexure-III.